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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Plans for Emergency Operations of NPIC

1. One of the planning problems facing NPIC is drawing up a plan for continued operations during wartime, particularly a war involving an atomic attack on the U.S. In view of the current international situation it appears that we must give more attention to this problem than we have in the past.

2. The problem is particularly complicated for NPIC because of the representation here of three military services in addition to CIA. Our current plans are geared primarily to a CIA role only and even for this role they probably are inadequate. We have limited supplies and equipment [redacted] to report there in an emergency. The military services represented here are all asking us what their components should do in an emergency; we do not have answers for them.

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3. Any planning concept must start with the mission which would be assigned to NPIC with the onset of hostilities. At the present time we are geared to cold war operations only and have no clues as to our wartime mission. Since NSCID 8 provides that NPIC would be transferred to DOD in time of war it seems appropriate that we should obtain from DOD a statement of our mission in wartime. Accordingly, I suggest that the Director send a letter to the Secretary of Defense to see if we can smoke out any information as to our wartime mission. A draft of such a letter is attached.

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Attachment:
Draft letter

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